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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to a final rejection herein, mailed 24 February 2006, time for response to which was set to expire 24 May 2006. All pending claims were finally rejected. Careful consideration has been given, once again, to the continued grounds for rejection, and the following amendment is filed to place the claims in a position for allowance.

A Request for Continued Examination accompanies this response.